

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Striking Contrast Between the Rustler of the West and He of the Effete East.

How Helena's Society is Free From Some of the Drawbacks of Old Communities.

Coming Piques in Prickly Pear Canyon—Buttles as Entertainers—Personal Mention—The Query Corner.

How does he live? Is a question more propounded in the large eastern cities, than the west. But here the word rustler signifies a profession in itself. It may be applied to no particular branch of trade or calling, yet include all from the art of vapouring a man into buying a book, down to the profession of real estate. In New York, Boston and other large cities there are hundreds of young men well connected, college bred, social parasites who have a plenitude of marriageable daughters and a scarcity of cash.

How do these men live? By their brains? Well hardly! By their hands? No. For the most part they resemble that "porous or fibrous substance regarded as of the nature of a compound animal found adhering to rock, shells, etc., under water,"—vide Webster. Only they are usually found adhering to richer friends and by this means very generally manage to keep themselves above water, sometimes getting wine. They are generally attuned men of the world, who can play all the weaker strings of their fellow beings without ever making a discord, and can descend themselves from modern to the level of the moth-eaten mass of mouldering sentiment, without turning a hair or losing a dollar. Society tolerates them, because they are always useful; they can get in a theatre party, order dinners, lead a German, or borrow \$10 to the most perfect sang froid and good nature. In fact, they are a walking encyclopedia of useful information. When Mrs. Gethro, who is one of the rarest edge of social happiness, wants to give a ball and have a few good names added to her list, she goes to these gentlemen and he calls upon her purse, the result being that each obtains their end.

Fortunately in Helena there is no necessity for the services of such agents. There is no marked social line here over which even money does not tread. Money will buy almost anything except manners, and there is no use asking how Mr. Solitary Finch made his money, suffice to say he has got it. His family are received everywhere; he does not trample upon the A.B.C. of social etiquette, but entertains handsomely, forbears from eating with his knife, and barely, if ever, passes toothpicks around with his dessert.

In Helena we have a set—a sort of upper crust, but the contents of the pie is in many instances quite as palatable, and we have no Ward McAllister as yet to stir up the contents and keep the pastry hot.

What is done in Helena in the way of social entertainment is very well done, but not often overdone. The Germans, receptions, etc., are in good taste, and while we may not all be very clear about our ancestry or from which side of the tree we were originally lopped, we are not at the present time bent upon either editing a pedigree or getting up a centennial quadrille.

PAST AND FUTURE.

Socially things have been very dull, and beyond a prospective trip to the gate of the mountain by way of commemorating Decoration day there is very little in view.

One or two gentlemen, notably Mr. Will Wallace, Jr. and Ed. Knight, Jr., are arranging a trip to the upper end of the Missouri canyon near the mouth of the Prickly Pear, and with this end in view they rode out through mud and rain the other evening to see if the roads were in good order. This will without doubt prove to be the picnic of the early summer, and not only is the younger element going to turn out in force, but also the younger married set, Messrs. and Messrs. Ashby, Hunt, Buck, Harbourn, Jerome, Davis, Humbert, Kennett, Hill, Knight et al. having already signified their intention of joining.

Start will probably be made at about 6:30 a. m. and as there is no hotel in the neighborhood it will probably be necessary to have a genuine picnic, and barring rain and insects a very jolly time is assured.

Other and sundry parties are doubtless being organized, but the hitherto unexplored region of the Missouri canyon will be treated to a bird's eye view of Helena's elite, while the aristocratic elite can in return amuse themselves by decorating or in other words pointing the canyon red.

The Silver Bow club in Butte are royal entertainers, and never was their hospitality more thoroughly appreciated than by those members of the Helena elite who remained over after the performance last Saturday night. Messrs. Lee Mantle, Walter Kelly, J. Lansing, Geo. Irvin, B. B. Thayer, J. V. Long and C. W. Goodale did everything in their power to make the "evening hours" seem shorter. Some good tales were told, some old chestnuts revived, some operatic selections and a few selections I never heard at the opera were sung. The air was good and the guests were not long in appreciating the fact.

Mr. J. Lansing, of Butte, who is somewhat of an astrologer, says the sun sets later and rises earlier in Butte than in any other town in this state. Of course it depends a good deal in what state you make the observation. The courtesies extended by Mr. P. P. Shelby to Messrs. Luke, Childs, Hill, Wallace and Martin which were so ably carried out by Mr. M. P. Benton on the return trip from Butte Sunday morning last, were thoroughly appreciated by all, and I think I voice the sentiments of the entire party in thus publicly acknowledging the hospitality.

There will be a renewal of hostilities on the tennis ground towards the end of the month, or whenever the weather settles a bit. Several ladies on the east side have signified their intention of joining the club as soon as the east side club can be got in order. It has been suggested that a four-handed match between Messrs. Kane and Nicholson on one side and Messrs. Carpenter and R. S. Hill on the other would prove an interesting event.

The Cricket club will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon next at 5 p. m. at Mr. Horace B. Kane's office in the Thompson block. Officers will be then elected and a committee appointed to select a suitable ground for practice, and in all probability coconut matting will be tried for making a practice cricket. This is in constant use in Australia and has always proved an excellent substitute for turf. All gentlemen interested in cricket and desirous of joining the Helena Cricket club, and those members of the club who intend to renew their membership this year, are earnestly requested to be hand and to understand, that 5 p. m. does not mean 5:30.

A lacrosse club is about to be organized in this city, and a meeting has been called with a view to ascertaining how many players there may be in the city. The meeting is to take place in Harmonia Hall this afternoon.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

T. C. Power and his son Charles have returned from their eastern trip, but they paid Helena a very fleeting visit, leaving again for the east last night, where they will join Mrs. Power and a European trip is then contemplated, which will bring them back to Helena about September. Charley Power says he thinks he will like

the continent almost as well as Helena. It will be his first trip over the big pond.

Mrs. Frank Shaffer and Mrs. George S. Tracey left for the east Thursday evening. They will make Chicago their headquarters.

Horace B. Kane returned from St. Louis Wednesday. Mr. Kane and Miss Mary Kane are spending a week at Great Falls.

Miss Frankie Horst returned to Butte on Thursday. She was accompanied by Mr. Ben King, who expects to remain in the great mining camp for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. McAdow, the fortunate owners of the Spotted Horse mine, are in the city, and it is their ultimate intention to take up their residence here.

The wedding of Miss Kate Childs and Judge Bach will take place early in June, and a more popular wedding will never be celebrated in Helena, owing to the personal popularity of the contracting parties.

Miss Frankie Jurgens, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. King, of Marysville, for the past week, has returned home.

Miss Bertie Rumley is back again from Butte, where she had a most delightful visit.

Mrs. Dr. Hersey has returned to Billings. With her characteristic good nature, however, she stayed over in Butte on Sunday last and sang in the Baptist church choir.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Lilly's father, Mr. Frederick W. Foote, to New York, last week, will, of course, prevent Mr. S. Hill from getting up the contemplated performance of "Our Boys," in aid of an organ for the Episcopal church. There is no reason, however, why the good work should not be carried out by some other means.

A young man of this city, who has for some time past contemplated matrimony, when asked the other day when congratulations would be in order received: "The girl indeed is willing, but her bank account is weak."

At the progressive jack straw party given by Mrs. C. Ellis the other evening Miss Blaine was presented with a gaily decorated broom as a mark of her inability to remember the names of the players, while her sister, Miss Ella, got a very pretty decorated Royal Worcester vase filled with chocolate play for having put her name on the most dexterous adjuster of straws.

Mr. Veile won the gentlemen's prize, consisting of fifteen choice Havanas, and thus a pleasant evening ended in smoke.

Mr. G. G. Martin left for Bozeman last night, where he will meet his wife and family and visit some friends. Mr. Martin expects to return to Helena on Monday, and as soon as he can obtain a suitable house his family will settle here.

Mr. Frank M. Dell and Mr. A. B. Meyer, of Minneapolis, passed through Helena on Friday on their way back east. They propose to take in the Park, however, before returning. These gentlemen have for years been engaged in the coal business in Indianapolis, but natural gas has blown them out west in search of a better market.

NOTES AND QUERIES.
Estella writes: Why is it that the young men of Helena are so unwilling to take the girls out? Half of the picnic and summer excursions are literally to be spoiled because the young men are selfishly disposed and seem to prefer their own company.

Estella has written upon rather a delicate subject. Perhaps it is a question of reciprocity? What do the girls do for the young men? There is one way of getting even—got up a big picnic party, all girls and don't invite one of those mean, spiteful things called men.

BEE-SWING.

She Looks Out For Mean Men.
Chicago Journal: I lunched with a friend to-day at an establishment which enjoys a very heavy patronage every noon hour. Handed the young lady cashier a silver dollar in payment of my bill. Before giving me my change she looked at the dollar very critically, and finally cast it into the money drawer with apparent reluctance.

I endured the ordeal without complaint, but told my friend afterward that I was asked to be taken for a counterfeiter, and asked why that girl should look with suspicion on coins that I gave her, as I distinctly remembered her doing several times of late. His reply was prompt and to the point. "Because, my boy, said he, 'that kid has to make up for her own pocket the losses of all kinds that she may sustain, either by accepting bad coins or by expensiveness. It is guaranteed, my not believe it, but there are lots of men mean enough to try and pass off on that girl, who, as you saw, was rushed to death, any 'queer' dollars or half dollars that come into their possession. She is in a position where she has to give out change for coins sixty times to the minute, so that unless she is exceptionally sharp she is good game for such mean men to experiment upon. Let her examine your good dollars as long as she likes, but see you don't give her any bad ones. I promised to do so, so I cowardly forgave the maid and went away."

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The same writer looks at the matter in a still more picturesque light. He imagines the babies being carried past a given point in their mothers' charge one by one and the procession being kept up continuously night and day until the last comer in the twelve-month has passed by. A sufficiently liberal rate of speed is allowed, but even with these babies in line going past twenty a minute the reviewing officer would only have seen a sixth part of the infantine host file onward by the time he had been a year at his post. In other words, the babe that had to be carried when the work began was tapering to a close, there would be a rear guard, not of infants, but of romping girls and boys. They would have passed, in fact, out of the maternal arms into the hands of the school teacher. Every moment of nearly seven years would be required to complete this grand parade of those little ones that in the course of a twelve-month begin to play their part in the first age of man.

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